Rehabilitation of villagers displaced by Upper Kolab Project in Orissa

153. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the villagers displaced by Upper Kolab Project in Orissa have not been rehabilitated so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in their rehabilitation;

(c) the total population of how many villagers have been displaced by the above irrigation project; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to rehabilitate them at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) According to the Government of Orissa, the villagers displaced so far by the construction of Upper Kolab Project have already been rehabilitated.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 3180 families of 53 villages have been displaced by the construction of the Project. Out of these, 2654 families have given option for self rehabilitation and have accordingly taken full cash compensation and 526 families have been resettled at different rehabilitation camps.